

**REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP  
WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2018**

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A meeting of the Region H Water Planning Group Water Management Strategy Committee was held at 9:30 a.m., March 21, 2018, at the Freese and Nichols Houston office. A notice of said meeting was posted as required by law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bartos, Bob Hebert, Jace Houston (phone), Ivan Langford (phone), Glenn Lord, Mike Turco, Kevin Ward (phone)

**DESIGNATED ALTERNATES:** Brad Burnett for David Collinsworth, Veronica Osegueda for Yvonne Forrest

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert Bruner, Mark Evans, Jimmie Schindewolf

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lann Bookout (TWDB), Beth Wolf (Fort Bend County), Ken Kramer (Sierra Club) for Carl Masterson, Chris Rosales (City of Houston), Alisa Max (Harris County), John Burke (Region K), Jim Sims (TRA)

**CONSULTANT TEAM:** Jason Afinowicz, Philip Taucer, Mike Reedy, Courtney Merket, Glenda Callaway

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Hebert welcomed the committee members and guests to the meeting.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017 WMS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The committee passed a motion to approve the minutes of the WMS Committee meeting on November 1, 2017.

**3. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 8**

There were no public comments.

**4. DISCUSS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULE**

Mr. Taucer provided an update to the 2021 Regional Water Plan schedule referencing various due dates. The Committee agreed that future Committee meetings would be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

**5. DISCUSS WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCESS FROM THE REGION H 2016 REGIONAL WATER PLAN.**

Mr. Taucer summarized the types of water management strategies in the 2016 Region H RWP. Mr. Mike Turco requested a summary of SWIFT spending by region; Mr. Lann Bookout responded that the Texas Water Development Board does have a summary list of all spending in Region H.

**6. DISCUSS PRELIMINARY SCOPE AND BUDGET FOR REQUESTING TASK 5 FUNDS FOR THE INITIATION OF DETAILED INVESTIGATION INTO POTENTIAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND CONSIDER MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REGION H WATER PLANNING GROUP.**

Mr. Taucer explained the funding process for Task 5A and then detailed each of six subtasks developed by the consultant team for potential inclusion in the initial Task 5A request for notice-to-proceed. Based on discussion by the group, the Committee recommended adding subtasks for conservation and aquifer storage and recovery (ASR). Ms. Alisa Max noted that direct reuse would be likely be increasing, particularly in rural areas.

**7. DISCUSS POTENTIAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOCUS AREAS FOR THE 2021 RWP.**

Mr. Brad Brunett suggested that reallocation of reservoir supplies should be included as a focus area. Mr. Ken Kramer commented that some regions adopted drought management strategies in the 2016 RWPs and suggested that this be considered as an option in Region H.

**8. CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFETY FACTOR FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SUPPLIES AND STRATEGIES TO WATER USER GROUPS IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021 REGIONAL WATER PLAN.**

The Committee decided to recommend to the RWPG that Region H should not use a management supply factor target in the 2021 Region H RWP.

**9. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ken Kramer notified the Committee of the “Water Conservation by the Yard” report being published this month.

**10. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.